

The Brighton Youth Commission
Formal Meeting Minutes
February 18th, 2021

Absences-

Excused: Clint Blackhurst, Emilio Sena, Logan Flanagan, Marjorie Burnes, Stephanie Guilliams, Tim Watts

Unexcused: Elena Marraudino, Emmanuel Chaparro, Jayelin Adame, Kylee Versteegt, Tania Hernandez, Vivian Hindman

Business-

1. Card Pick-Up

- These are the cards that will go to Project Angel Heart (more info in last minutes).
- If you have not picked up your card kit yet, please pick them up on Tuesday before 4.
- These are due on Thursday between 9AM and 4PM (at City Hall). You can drop them off before then, but make sure to tell the front lady that they are for Abby!

2. Youth Voice Article

- The Office of Youth Services sends out quarterly newsletters and they would like to have a youth column in it.
- This is a great opportunity to write about nearly anything you want (it will be approved by Abby first).
- If you are interested, please contact Abby, Tawnya, or Rachel for more information.
- Volunteers with a commitment to writing something for the column: 1st: Dajaan; 2nd: Diana
- Even if you don't have something for the column, Tessa is open to anything for social media posts. Get your voices out there!

3. Food Bank of the Rockies

- Due to the bad weather last weekend, the Food Bank was moved to this Saturday (8-11AM).
- At Historic City Hall
- If you would like to volunteer for this event, you may sign up on the google calendar. There are five spots open for commissioners.

4. Job Fair

- If you are looking for a summer job, the Rec Center is having a job fair on Monday, March 1st from 4-6PM.
- This is an in-person event, so you have to reserve a spot.
- Andrea has posted the flyer with all of the information in the Facebook group.

5. National League of Cities: Congressional City Conference

- NLC CCC will be held virtually this year, in early March. It is a conference that focuses on making improvements on the federal level.
- This is a great opportunity for commissioners to:
 - get community service hours
 - establish youth-adult partnerships
 - learn new things about your city and neighboring cities
 - learn new things in general!
- Applications should be out by Monday.
- Reach out to Giana with any questions.

***Giana will have an opportunity to speak in front of NLC leadership that consists of policy makers from across the country. She will be speaking about the impact COVID has had on students and the school system. She wants to do her best to represent us and our opinions. If you would like to help with that, she has attached a link to the document in the Facebook group.

6. Adult Commissioner Interview

- On Wednesday, Giana, Tessa, Christian, and Andrea interviewed Mikayla Eisenbarth.
- They all believed she is a strong candidate and motioned to appoint her as an adult commissioner. Cynthia motioned, Truman seconded. The motion passed all in favor.
- Truman has volunteered to help call the other applicant about their ineligibility to serve on the commission. (Doesn't live within city limits.) We also will call Mikayla on her appointment to the commission.

7. Parent Meeting Permission Slips

- For those of you who were able to attend the parent meeting on Tuesday, the permission slips will be due on Thursday.
- Those not in attendance:
 - Giana, Andrea, Diana, Tessa, Dahaan, Fiona, Esmi, Christian, Fernando, Logan
- For those not in attendance, we will work on setting up a time with you to get caught up on information. Stay tuned!

8. Fun Night

- Commissioners have expressed interest in having another fun night like the pizza trivia night.
- There will be an opportunity to make up/earn community service hours by helping to make kits.
- Notify Tawnya, Rachel, or Abby if you come up with any fun night activities!
 - current idea: cookie decorating
- Current possible date for activity night: Monday, March 15th.

9. In-Person Meetings

- Full-sized group in-person meetings will not be possible for the foreseeable future.
- Would commissioners be open to meet with smaller groups? Would this be with your pods? SPEAK groups? Etc.
- Please add your current availability for in-person meetings to the attached document if this were something we will begin to do.

10. Young Entrepreneur Committee Update

- Tawnya brought her idea to the city attorney and it got approved.
- If you would like to help with this/be part of this committee, reach out.
 - The list of interested commissioners can be found in the last meeting's minutes.
 - Christian is also interested.

11. Collaborative Youth Conference

- This conference's leaders are looking for youth presenters.
- This will be a virtual conference in June.
- More info will be posted to this group soon.
- Interested: Dahaan, Truman, Cynthia, Alijah, Ashley C, Diana, Giana

12. SPEAK Work

- In order to hold a suicide education week in the city, we should be the most educated on the topic.
- We broke up into groups (elementary, middle, and high schools, and district) to discuss what mental health resources students in those age groups already have available within their schools. Groups began to work on an email that they can send to staff members at the school to learn more about it.
- You can use the bycspeak@gmail.com email address to send your emails. Message Andrea for the password.
- If you were not present at this meeting, ask your officer to get you caught up and involved!